

**Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association**  
**Minutes of the 133<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting**  
**March 30, 2002**  
**Lamar, Colorado**

The 133<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association convened at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 30, 2002, at the Cow Palace Inn, Lamar, Colorado with President, Kerry Hartshorn presiding.

Following the invocation, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Southeast Colorado Junior Cattlemen's Association. The welcome was given by the Lamar Chamber of Commerce and the Honkers.

Wade Zimmerman, representative for the Colorado Beef Board, gave a report and answered questions. He summarized the current advertising, research, and nutrition projects that are being utilized. He also summarized new convenience type products.

Doyle Davidson gave an informative report on behalf of the Colorado Boys Ranch.

Jeff Yost with the Colorado Division of Wildlife gave a detailed report on the Prairie Dog Habitat Study and the Short Grass Incentive Program. He is directly involved with the prairie dog inventory count and gave a review of their progress.

Virgie Robb presented the 2002 Southeast Colorado Cattlegirl of the Year Award to Jennie Adrian of La Junta.

Amanda McEndree gave a report on behalf of the Colorado Junior Cattlemen's Association and Kerrie Lewis announced the new slate of officers for the Southeast Colorado Junior Cattlemen's Association. She also thanked all of the Junior supporters.

Terry Fankhauser, Executive Director of the Colorado Cattlemen's Association invited everyone to the June convention in Pueblo. He announced the new Cattle Guard magazine format which will be delivered in the Ag Journal the end of every month. Terry then went over Colorado legislative issues and took questions from the group.

Marilyn Weber, President of the Southeast Colorado Cattlegirls highlighted the activities and functions of the group during the past year. Sharon Berry, President of Colorado Cattlegirls' Association capped the state association's activities. Tim Erickson reported on behalf of his wife, Bette Ann, for the Arkansas Valley Cattlegirls.

With no further reports to be given, President Kerry Hartshorn called the business meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

Hans Hasser made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last Annual Meeting. Steve Ptolemy seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as written.

As there was no old business to act on, Milton Rink gave the Audit Committee Report. Milton moved to accept the Audit Report. Doug Hasser seconded the motion. Motion carried. The budget for 2002 was presented. Milton moved to accept the Budget Report. Jim Rogers seconded the motion. Motion carried.



The Bent-Prowers Endowment Trust report was given by Pat Karney. Pat moved to accept this report. Steve McEndree seconded the motion. Discussion. Motion passed.

Karren "Sparky" Turner and Marilyn Pettinger presented the resolutions for the Resolutions Committee as follows:

**Interim Resolutions from CCA:**

CSU Diagnostic Lab Funding – Marilyn moved that Resolutions Committee recommends supporting this resolution. Sparky seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Tax Credit for Term Easements – Ken Clark moved to set aside for further discussion. Martin Canterbury seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Grasslands Reserve Program – Committee recommended opposing this. Hans Hasser moved to set aside for further discussion. Kimmi Lewis seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Resolution #1:** Resolutions Committee recommended passing this resolution. John Smartt moved to set this resolution aside for later discussion. Steve McEndree seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Resolution #2A:** Sparky moved to adopt this resolution as written. Steve McEndree seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Resolution #2B:** Resolutions Committee moved to accept this resolution. Kimmi seconded the motion. Ken Clark moved to amend the resolution by adding the words "our food safety" in the first sentence of the resolution. Ray Miller seconded the motion. Amendment passed. The main motion as amended passed.

**Resolution #3:** Sparky moved to pass this resolution. Steve Ptolemy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution #4:** Sparky read the resolution and members stood to take a moment to memorialize their deceased members.

**Set asides:**

**Tax Credit For Term Easements** – Discussion. Wade Zimmerman moved to accept this resolution. Bill Gray seconded the motion. Discussion. Question was called for by Milton Rink. Seconded by Wade Zimmerman. Question denied. Discussion. Question was called for by Hans Hasser. Seconded by Steve McEndree. Question passed. A vote was taken on the motion to accept this resolution. Division of the house was called for. Kimmi Lewis rose and called for the appointment of a credentials committee. Kimmi moved and it was seconded to appoint a credentials committee of Susie Rogers and Alta Mae Brown to count the votes. Votes were counted. Motion to accept this resolution passed. 32 to 26

**Grasslands Reserve Program** – Resolutions committee recommends to oppose this resolution. Hans Hasser moved to kill this resolution as we addressed it last year. Kimmi seconded the motion. Motion was not in order and was rescinded by Hans. Hans moved to oppose this



resolution. Doug Hasser seconded the motion. Discussion. Question was called for by Bill Gray. Seconded by Joe Kasza. Question passed. A vote was taken on the motion to oppose this resolution. Division of the house was called for. Votes were counted. Motion to oppose this resolution passed. 33 to 18

**Resolution #1** – Resolutions committee moved to support this resolution. Martin Canterbury seconded the motion. It was moved by Joe Kasza and seconded by Wade Zimmerman to divide this resolution into two parts, dividing the two items under “therefore be it resolved”. A vote was taken on the Division of the Question. Motion carried. Resolution #1 is now Resolution #1A and Resolution #1B.

**Resolution #1A Country of Origin Labeling** – Sparky moved to accept this resolution. Steve McEndree seconded the motion. Discussion. Question was called for by Hans and seconded by Doug Hasser. Question passed. A vote was taken on the motion to accept this resolution. Motion carried.

**Resolution #1B Ban on Packer Ownership** – Sparky moved to accept this resolution. Ken Clark seconded the motion. Lengthy discussion. Question was called for by Sparky and seconded by Jim Rogers. Question passed. A vote was taken on the motion to accept this resolution. Motion defeated.

Bill Gray gave the Nominating Committee Report. Hans Hasser was nominated for President. Milton Rink moved to accept this nomination by acclamation. Sparky seconded the motion. Motion passed. Karren “Sparky” Turner was nominated for Vice President. From the floor, Doug Hasser nominated Pat Karney. Joe Kasza seconded the nomination. Steve McEndree moved that nominations cease. Jim Rogers seconded the motion. Motion passed. Corwin Brown moved to cast the votes by ballot. Motion was seconded and passed. Kimmi Lewis suggested the counting should be done by the previously appointed credentials committee. A vote by ballot was taken. Karren “Sparky” Turner was elected Vice President. Lori Chase was nominated for Secretary/Treasurer. JoAnn McEndree moved and it was seconded to accept this nomination by acclamation. Motion carried. Lane Bodey was nominated for Second Vice President. It was moved by Steve McEndree and seconded by David Mendenhall to elect Lane Bodey by acclamation. Motion passed.

The nominating committee nominated the following for Baca County Directors: Steve McEndree, Keith Van Campen, Jo Ann McEndree, John George. From the floor, John George nominated Homer Mundell and Aiden Mizer. After casting of ballots, President Kerry Hartshorn was called upon to break a tie. Steve McEndree, Keith Van Campen, John George, and Homer Mundell were elected Baca County Directors for the coming year.

The nominating committee nominated the following for Bent County Directors: Joe Kasza, Darren Ridley, Pat Karney, Alta Mae Brown. From the floor, Alta Mae Brown nominated Tom Robb and Tim Erickson. Hans Hasser nominated Chris Hasser. After casting of ballots, Pat Karney, Alta Mae Brown, Tom Robb, and Tim Erickson were elected Bent County Directors for the coming year.

The nominating committee nominated the following for Kiowa County Directors: Dale Butler, George Ellicott, Laning Peterson, Jim Rogers. Steve McEndree moved to accept this nomination. John Smartt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The nominating committee nominated the following for Otero County Directors: Luke Larson, Pat Ptolemy, Martin Canterbury, David Mendenhall. From the floor, Martin Canterbury



nominated Mike Dutton. After casting of ballots, Luke Larson, Martin Canterbury, David Mendenhall, and Mike Dutton were elected Otero County Directors for the coming year.

The nominating committee nominated the following for Prowers County Directors: Marilyn Pettinger, Doug Hasser, Benny Kennedy, Bill Curry. Bill Curry was dropped from the nomination since he no longer presided in Prowers County. From the floor, Susie Rogers nominated Red Heath and David Holden. Steve McEndree nominated Milton Rink. Jo Ann McEndree moved to cease nominations. Darren Ridley seconded the motion. Motion passed. After casting of ballots, Marilyn Pettinger, Doug Hasser, Benny Kennedy, and Red Heath were elected Prowers County Directors for the coming year.

Under new business, the proposed policy change concerning unification was on the agenda. Bill Gray moved to pass the proposed policy change on "unification" and become unified with Colorado Cattlemen's Association. Steve McEndree seconded the motion. Lengthy discussion followed. Question was called by Doug Hasser and seconded by John Smartt. Question passed. A vote was taken on the main motion to pass the proposed policy change. Division of the house was called by Kimmi Lewis. After casting of votes, motion carried. 35 to 18

After no further business, David Mendenhall moved to adjourn the meeting. Doug Hasser seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lori Chase  
Secretary



**BENT-PROWERS CATTLE & HORSE GROWERS ASSOCIATION  
RESOLUTION OF MARCH 30, 2002**

**Resolution #1A**

*Whereas*, Cattle and beef production is the single largest sector of our nation's agriculture industry, totaling approximately 800,000 cattle producers in all fifty states and contributing approximately \$30 billion annually to our national economy; and

*Whereas*, The cattle and beef industry accounts for approximately sixty percent of Colorado's agricultural economy, totaling approximately \$2.6 billion generated from over 14,600 operations statewide; and

*Whereas*, The Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association members desires to protect and preserve our vital industry, our rural communities, and insure the quality and safety of our livestock and beef products marketed within the state of Colorado;

*Whereas*, The Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association finds it necessary to preserve the health, safety, and welfare of our consumers;

*Therefore be it resolved*, The Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association supports the following bill within the 2002 Farm Bill:

"The Consumer Right to Know Act of 2001", United States Senate Bill No. 280, which provides that:

- (a) Beef, lamb, pork, fish, fruits, vegetables and peanuts shall have mandatory country of origin labeling;
- (b) Only meat from animals exclusively born, raised and slaughtered within the United States shall be eligible for a USA Label; and
- (c) The United States Department of Agriculture quality grade stamp cannot be used on imported meat.



BENT-PROWERS CATTLE & HORSE GROWERS ASSOCIATION  
RESOLUTION OF MARCH 30, 2002  
CONCERNING  
GOVERNMENT PURCHASE OF PRIVATE PROPERTY TO MITIGATE  
PROPOSED LOSS OF PRAIRIE DOG HABITAT

**Resolution #2A**

*Whereas*, The Bent Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association is Colorado's oldest livestock organization and has consistently opposed any net loss of private property through government acquisition; and

*Whereas*, The State of Colorado and the federal government owns more than 27 million acres, 42% of our State; and

*Whereas*, The United States Fish and Game and other "stakeholders" are pushing forward to develop and implement conservation measures to conserve the black-tailed prairie dog without accurate sound scientific studies and analysis; and

*Whereas*, The Colorado Department of Transportation has implemented their plan to purchase private land to mitigate the loss of prairie dog habitat, spending precious taxpayers funds on hypothetical criteria; and

*Whereas*, there has been no reasonable and guaranteed plan presented as to how the prairie dog will be contained and/or how the rodent will be controlled from damaging adjacent property owners;

*Therefore be it resolved*, The Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Grower's Association opposes the purchase of any private property in the State of Colorado by any state governmental agency to mitigate the proposed loss of prairie dog habitat and/ or any other species that has not been identified by the letter of the law.



**BENT-PROWERS CATTLE & HORSE GROWERS ASSOCIATION  
RESOLUTION OF MARCH 30, 2002**

**Resolution #2B**

*Whereas*, The relocation of prairie dogs, and/or any other wildlife species, from one location to another within the United States could create potential risks to our food safety, human health, the safety and well being of its citizens and their livelihoods; and

*Whereas*, The increase of prairie dogs will reduce our available forage and disrupt the hydro vegetation, creating soil and wind erosion to our fragile lands. This reduction will reduce our ability to follow our well established conservation measures and will hamper available forage for our domestic livestock, thus creating further economic hardship to our private agriculture enterprises and rural communities; and

*Whereas*, The burrowing by prairie dogs is a threat to the health and well being of cattle and horses, endangering our domestic livestock herds; and

*Whereas*, The local County Board of Commissioners has the authority under Colorado State Statute requiring their approval before certain rodents are released into a county when such rodents are captured from outside of the county;

*Therefore be it resolved*, The Bent Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association believes the local Board of County Commissioners shall exercise their full authority to protect the social, economic and cultural well-being of its citizens; and

*Be it further resolved*, The Board of County Commissioners will make certain that input is derived from the landowners affected by any proposed species relocation within the county and will conduct full public hearings prior to any proposed species relocation.



### Resolution #3

Be it resolved that the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association take this opportunity to offer our sincere thanks and appreciation to the businesses, media, and individuals who have made us welcome here in Lamar and so generously contributed to the success of this 133rd annual meeting.

### Resolution #4

Since our last annual meeting, many of our beloved and valued members passed to their reward. We who remain, have enjoyed and benefitted from their association, and we are saddened by their absence.

We share the sorrow of their families and loved ones and to their memory, we pledge to support the principles which these great men and women, who have gone before us, have firmly instilled in our association.

We, the members of the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association, now stand to take a moment to memorialize our deceased members.



**INTERIM RESOLUTION**  
of the  
**COLORADO CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION**  
concerning  
**COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY FUNDING**

WHEREAS the Colorado cattle industry is a 3.8 billion dollar contributor to the Colorado economy and represents nearly 70% of Colorado's agriculture dollars, which is the second most important enterprise to the state's economy; and,

WHEREAS the health and well-being of the Colorado cattle industry depends on the Colorado State University's Diagnostic laboratory's ability to efficiently and accurately provide disease diagnosis in a timely manner in order for implementation of appropriate treatment and intervention strategies; and,

WHEREAS livestock bioterrorism represents a tremendous risk to the cattle industry and significantly compromises the protein source for human food and thus is a concern of every Colorado Resident's well-being; and,

WHEREAS the CSU Diagnostic Laboratory's mission and goals can only be met by appropriate facilities and qualified personnel funding,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Colorado Cattlemen's Association strongly recommends that the funding levels for the CSU diagnostic Laboratory be increased to a level which will allow for the disease diagnostic capabilities to protect and minimize the Colorado cattle population's disease risks.

Submitted by CCA Animal Health Committee

Passed with General Membership vote 11-15-2001

BENT-PROWERS CATTLE & HORSE GROWERS  
SUPPORTS THIS RESOLUTION.



**INTERIM RESOLUTION**  
of the  
**COLORADO CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION**  
concerning  
**TAX CREDIT FOR TERM EASEMENTS**

WHEREAS permanent easements provide benefit to the public which is recognized by tax credits; and,

WHEREAS term easements will also benefit the public; and,

WHEREAS these benefits can be measured by independent sources;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Colorado Cattlemen's Association support s the creation of a tax credit for term easements similar to permanent easements at the federal and state levels.

THEREFORE BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the CCA carry this resolution to the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and federal and state legislators.

Submitted by the CCA Tax & Credit Committee, 11 - 2001

Passed by General Membership vote 11-15-2001

BENT-PROWERS CATTLE & HORSE GROWERS  
SUPPORTS THIS RESOLUTION.